

with her thought provoking, influential editorials on the reform of the death penalty. As a veteran reporter whose journalistic prowess earned her much recognition, Cornelia was made a member of the Chicago Tribune editorial board in 2000.

Cornelia's Pulitzer citation reads: For distinguished editorial writing, the test of excellence being clearness of style, moral purpose, sound reasoning, and power to influence public opinion in what the writer conceives to be the right direction. Awarded to Cornelia Grumman of the Chicago Tribune for her powerful, freshly challenging editorials on reform of the death penalty.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring Cornelia Grumman on her achievements and wish Cornelia many years of future success.

A TRIBUTE TO JUAN GUILLEN

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2003

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Juan Guillen in recognition of his significant and diverse contributions to his community in the fields of media, business, and arts.

Representing and reaching out to the Dominican community, Juan is currently publisher and Chief Executive Officer of the Dominican Times Magazine, La Revista Oficial de Dominicanos. From his office in the East New York section of Brooklyn, New York, he heads the regional, bi-lingual publication, Dominican Times, which targets Dominican-Americans. This publication is distributed in seven states in the northeast and its voice is very influential in the Dominican-American community.

In the world of enterprise, Juan has owned and operated various businesses from 1982 through 2002 throughout Brooklyn and Queens. He has developed diverse companies, ranging from three successful dry cleaning businesses to a fitness club and a retail store for clothing and sneakers.

Juan has also made a contribution to the arts in his community through his independent feature film, "A Madness in Brooklyn." This comedy, filmed entirely on location in Brooklyn, was written, directed and produced by Juan.

Mr. Speaker, Juan Guillen has made several important contributions to his community. As such, he is more than worthy of receiving our recognition today and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly remarkable person.

INTRODUCTION OF THE INSULAR AREAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACT

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2003

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing legislation that will authorize qualified public housing entities in Guam, the Virgin Islands, American Samoa and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to par-

ticipate in the "Section 108 Loan Guarantee Program." Congresswoman DONNA CHRISTENSEN of the Virgin Islands and Congressman ENI FALEOMAVAEGA of American Samoa have joined me as original co-sponsors of this legislation, which is important to the economic development of the insular areas.

Currently, all qualified entitlement public housing entities in the States are authorized to apply for government-backed loans to finance long-term projects under the Community Development Assistance Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-383), which established the Section 108 Loan Guarantee Program. Under "Section 108," the States and their local governments may apply for amounts up to five times their annual allotments of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding.

Guam receives CDBG funding on an annual basis from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). However, many projects for which the funding could be utilized cost more than the annual allotment. My bill would authorize the insular areas that receive CDBG funding to apply for government-backed loans to help finance more expensive long-term projects. Future CDBG grant money could then be used as collateral in the insular areas, similar to how it is currently used in several of the States.

Officials at HUD have informed me that Guam, the Virgin Islands, American Samoa and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands are excluded on the basis that their CDBG grant funds are authorized under a separate sub-section from the States. My bill would clarify that States and Territories would have access to the HUD financing program irrespective of this technical distinction.

My bill, the Insular Areas Community Development Act of 2003, would strengthen the law to provide for the same flexibility for the insular areas as is currently granted to the States in using CDBG funds. Support for this bill would recognize the need for long-term financing of community development projects important to the economic progress of the insular areas, and will result in improved planning and more efficient use of limited resources.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ERNIE FLETCHER

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2003

Mr. FLETCHER. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, June 5, 2003, had I been present for rollcall vote No. 248, I would have voted the following way: Rollcall vote No. 248 "aye".

CHILD TAX CREDIT

HON. SILVESTRE REYES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2003

Mr. REYES. Mr. Speaker, I wish to express my deep disappointment with the tax bill recently signed into law by the President. While providing approximately \$350 billion in tax cuts, this law neglects many of our hard-working, low-income families. At the same time that

the bill provides tax cuts of \$93,500 to the 200,000 taxpayers making over \$1 million in our country, this bill leaves behind 8 million children by denying their families full access to the child tax credit.

This law fails to apply the child tax credit to some of America's neediest families—those earning between \$10,500 and \$26,625 per year. Of the 8 million children left behind in this tax law, one million live with parents who are on active duty service or are veterans. The children of our working families, especially those of our armed services, deserve our greatest support.

There are approximately 16,500 military families with children at Fort Bliss in my district. Anxiously awaiting news about the status of the members of the 507th Maintenance Company in late March, these families understand, more than most, what it means to sacrifice for our nation. These are the families of the brave men and women who fight to defend our freedoms, and they certainly do not deserve to be left out of this tax cut. I urge my colleagues to pass legislation immediately to extend the child tax credit to families making between \$10,500 and \$26,625 a year. Let us send a message to our hard-working families that they count too and that we recognize their efforts.

It is my sincere hope that we can work together to provide our hard-working families with a fair and equitable child tax credit.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE REVEREND DR. HENRY P. DAVIS, JR.

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2003

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize an exemplary individual, Reverend Dr. Henry P. Davis, Jr. This year marks Reverend Davis's 30th Anniversary as Pastor for the Saint Paul Baptist Church of Atlantic Highlands, New Jersey. On July 13, 2003 Reverend Davis will be honored for his commitment and extraordinary service to his community over the past 30 years.

Reverend Davis's educational achievement has aided him tremendously in serving his congregation and surrounding communities. After earning his Bachelor of Science degree from Huston-Tillotson College in Austin, Texas, the Reverend went on to receive a Master of Education degree from Prairie View A&M University. He was later awarded a Master of Divinity degree from the New Brunswick Theological Seminary and a honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from Rankin's Theological Clinic. Reverend Davis is also the recipient of a Doctor of Ministry degree from Drew University.

Reverend Davis has stood out amongst his peers for his exceptional leadership skills. Over the past few years Reverend Davis has served as the Moderator of the Seacoast Missionary Baptist Association, which consists of 32 churches throughout Monmouth and Ocean counties. He is the former Treasurer of the General Baptist Convention of New Jersey and served as the Secretary of the Moderator's Auxiliary of the National Baptist Convention, for over a decade. Presently, Reverend Davis serves on the Executive Board of the

Hampton University Ministers Conference and the New Jersey Council of Churches.

Reverend Davis has also devoted much of his time to various youth, community service, and civil rights organizations. He currently serves as a Trustee of the Brookdale Community College Foundation and member of the Youth Services Commission of Monmouth County. He is the Vice-President of the Monmouth County Board of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Service. At present Reverend Davis is the Chairman of the Monmouth County Minority Youth Vicinage Committee and is a life member of the NAACP. Through his work with these different groups Reverend Davis has positively influenced the lives of countless individuals.

In addition to the award he will receive on July 13, 2003 Reverend Davis has been the recipient of a number of previous awards for the remarkable work he does. Those awards include the Seacoast Association's Outstanding Service Award; New Jersey's State Federation of Colored Women's Club's Outstanding Community Service Award and Humanitarian Award; as well as recognition from the greater Red Bank NAACP.

Mr. Speaker, on this day I rise up to acknowledge a truly remarkable individual and I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring the distinguished Reverend Dr. Henry P. Davis, Jr. for his 30 years of devoted service to his community.

CONGRATULATING PACIFICARE HEALTH SYSTEMS ON THEIR 25TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. RANDY "DUKE" CUNNINGHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2003

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate PacifiCare Health Systems on their 25th anniversary as one of the nation's largest consumer health organizations. PacifiCare's primary operations include health insurance products for employer groups and Medicare beneficiaries in eight states and Guam. Currently, PacifiCare has approximately \$11 billion in annual revenues, and serves more than 3 million health plan members and over 9 million specialty company members nationwide with dental, vision, behavioral health and pharmacy benefit management services. PacifiCare Health Systems also operates a nonprofit organization, called the PacifiCare Foundation, that is devoted to charitable and educational causes that enhance the health, wellness and welfare of individuals, families, and the public at large.

On June 16, 2003, PacifiCare will celebrate its 25th anniversary as one of the nation's largest consumer health organizations, offering individuals, employers, and Medicare beneficiaries the best in consumer-driven health care and insurance products. PacifiCare Health Systems is also celebrating another important milestone—the 10th anniversary of the PacifiCare Foundation. The PacifiCare Foundation has donated more than 17 million dollars during the past 10 years to charitable and educational causes, with a focus on specific community needs in several areas, including: Health Promotion, Human/Social Service Programs; Senior Programs; Education Programs and Child/Youth Programs.

I take great pleasure in congratulating PacifiCare and its 7,500 employees on the occasion of its 25th anniversary of service to its beneficiaries, and I commend PacifiCare for its outstanding record of contributions to the health and welfare of the people of California.

HONORING JOHN MCCORMICK OF THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE

HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2003

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to John McCormick, winner of the Walker Stone Award for editorial writing from the Scripps Howard Foundation.

John McCormick is the deputy editorial page editor of the Chicago Tribune. He joined the Chicago Tribune editorial board in 2000 and was promoted to deputy editor the following year. Prior to joining the Tribune, John worked for several years as the Chicago bureau chief for Newsweek magazine.

A native of Iowa, a graduate of Northwestern University, John gained recognition for his series of editorials on how and why Chicago must respond to its high murder rate. Once a small-town boy, John tackled big city crime head-on, proving to be a highly regarded and influential asset to Chicago's political leaders, law enforcement officers, and neighborhood groups.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring John McCormick on his achievements and wish John many years of future success.

A TRIBUTE TO ROLAND JEROME HILL

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2003

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Roland Jerome Hill in recognition of his service to his nation and his community.

Roland was born in Mount Carmel, Lancaster County, South Carolina. He began his schooling in a one-room schoolhouse. Later, he attended Mather Academy. Through his participation in various civic and political causes, Roland has continued to learn throughout his entire adult life.

Roland also coached high school football, baseball, and track for two years as an official in the South Atlantic Colored Intercollegiate Athletic Association (SACIAA). More importantly, he served his country for three and a half years in WWII in the 183rd Aviation Engineers Battalion in the China-India-Burma theatre.

After arriving in New York he became involved in a long list of political and civic affairs. He has served his community through a wide range of activities that include: Master Plumber Licensing and Control Board; Fire Suppression Board; Vice President of the Local Two of the Hotel and Restaurant Employees Union; Vice-President of the 45th Assembly Democratic Club; Co-Chairman of the Federal Government Scatter Housing Pro-

gram; Chairman of the South Shore Fair Housing Committee; Coney Island Hospital Advisory Board; Sixty on Aging; HRA Advisory Board and HRA Subcommittee on Social Services; and as an Elder in the Homecrest Presbyterian Church.

Some of the positions he has filled in the political arena include: Co-Chairman of the Finance Committee for Shirley Chisholm for Congress, Co-Chairman of the Mel Durbin and Eugene McCarthy campaign, and Director of Senior Citizen Groups in the 10th Congressional District.

Mr. Speaker, Roland Jerome Hill is committed to improving the lives of the elderly population in his community. As such, he is more than worthy of receiving our recognition today and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly remarkable gentleman.

TRIBUTE TO SUSAN S. LAFFOON

HON. ROB PORTMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2003

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding service of Susan Laffoon, a friend and distinguished constituent, who is stepping down from her duties as Vice President for Public Affairs at the Greater Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce on June 13, 2003.

Susan is a Cincinnati native, graduated from the University of Cincinnati with a BA in History, and has served our community with distinction all her adult life.

For over a quarter century, Susan has dedicated herself to the Greater Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce, where her accomplishments are impressive. She began at the Chamber in 1977 as a Specialist for Minority Business Development, took over as Program Director for Leadership Cincinnati in 1978, and became Group Executive for Administration in 1982. In 1984, she was promoted to Vice President of Government and Community Affairs. Her title changed in 2002 to Vice President, Public Affairs. In 1997, Susan was appointed Acting President of the Chamber for three months. Her commitment to the Chamber and our community is outstanding. Michael Fisher, the Chamber's President and CEO, says it best: "Susan leads by example in her collaborative style, willingness to go the extra mile, and enthusiasm for her work. She has built strong relationships with key volunteers, government officials and her staff. Equally important, she has helped deliver impressive results for our region—from State Capital bill funding wins to revised environmental policies that better balance the needs of all stakeholders."

In addition to her service at the Chamber, Susan has been active with a number of other important community organizations. Past and current leadership posts include: Trustee of the United Way and Community Chest of Greater Cincinnati; Trustee of WGUC-FM; founding Trustee and officer of the Cincinnati Horticultural Society; Trustee and alumna of the Seven Hills School; Trustee of the American Red Cross, Cincinnati Area Chapter; and Trustee of the Cincinnati Arts Festival, Inc. Susan also has been Trustee of the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra for 20 years, and has given a great deal of time (over 15 years) to